



Christian Civic League of Maine

Senator Bailey, Representative Perry and members of the Maine Committee on Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services, I am Carroll Conley, Executive Director of the Christian Civic League of Maine. The Christian Civic League of Maine envisions a state and nation where God is honored, religious freedom flourishes, families thrive, and life is cherished. We believe a Biblical approach works in life and including in governance.

I am here to testify in support of LD 995 - *An Act to Provide Insurance Coverage for a Second Opinion If a Health Care Provider Recommends an Abortion for Health or Safety Reasons* sponsored by Representative Quint. We thank Rep. Quint for posting this bill, another piece of legislation that seeks to give women options and seeks to promote health and safety for Maine women.

This bill, according to the sponsor, requires insurance companies to allow a women to get a second opinion with a maternal health care provider of her choosing when an abortion is discussed as an option due to a medical issue. It does not **require** the women to get a second opinion but simply gives her another option. It also requires the health care provider to tell her she has the right to a second opinion, with diagnostic procedures if she chooses, from a maternal health care provider of her choice. It allows her to see an out-of-network maternal health care provider of her choice. Very simple and empowering to women.

This is another in a series of legislation the Maine Legislative Committees have seen in the past week that seeks to protect women and provide them simply with options. I realize many organizations will follow this testimony in opposition to Representative Quint's bill, I urge you to seek what is right for women and not be swayed by organizations who profit when women are held to one course.

Thank you for your time and consideration today. Know that many are hopeful of your actions and are praying for you and your families. God bless.